



**Greene County Public Schools
School Board Meeting**

April 14, 2021

WMHS Performing Arts Center

**6:00 pm Open Session, motion to move immediately into Closed Session William Monroe
Digital Media Classroom**

Reconvene in Open Session 7:00 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Leah Paladino, Chair; Mr. Todd Sansom, Vice-Chairperson; Mr. Jason Tooley, Member; Ms. Sharon Mack, Member; Mr. Jason Collier, Member; Dr. Andrea Whitmarsh, Superintendent; Ms. Rhonda Houchens, Clerk.

MEMBERS PRESENT ELECTRONICALLY: N/A

MEMBERS ABSENT: N/A

BOARD OF SUPERVISOR(S) PRESENT: Mr. Steve Bowman, Liaison

Closed session was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the William Monroe High School Digital Media Classroom.

Ms. Sharon Mack made a motion to move into closed session; Mr. Todd Sansom seconded. All ayes, motion carried.

Ms. Leah Paladino moved to reconvene in an open session at 7:00 p.m. in the WMHS Performing Arts Center.

The Board certified by roll call vote that to the best of each member's knowledge only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements and identified in the motion to convene the closed meeting were heard, discussed, or considered. Ms. Mack, Mr. Tooley, Ms. Paladino, Mr. Sansom, and Mr. Collier all certified.

Ms. Paladino indicated there was no closed meeting action.

Mr. Sanson moved to accept the consent agenda as presented. Mr. Jason Collier seconded the motion. All ayes from members, motion carried.

Ms. Paladino opened the floor for public comment. There were no sign ups and no attendees came forward to address the board.

Dr. Michael Ormsmith presented action item #11-1033, the CTE Update/Perkins Grant Application. He indicated there were no changes and asked for their approval. Once allocations are disbursed the application can be amended. Ms. Mack made a motion to approve the application as presented, Mr. Sansom seconded the motion. All ayes from members, motion carried.

Dr. Wendy Mitchem presented action item #11-1034, the Title VIB application. She explained that there were no changes to the application and no updates on the allocation. Mr. Collier made a motion to approve the application as presented at the March 10th meeting, Ms. Mack seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

Dr. Bryan Huber presented action item #11-1035, the February 2021 VSBA Policy Updates. He explained that there were no modifications to the updates that were presented on March 10, 2021. Ms. Mack made a motion to approve the updates. Mr. Collier seconded the motion, all ayes from the board. Motion carried.

Dr. Huber and Ms. Katie Brunelle presented information item #11-1036, the Return to Learn Update. The presentation began with a video created by staff members in the division. The video highlighted the successes of the 2020-2021 school year during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. He then outlined some of the 3rd Quarter changes, including new requests for learning delivery changes at each building. He then outlined a brief overview of what division leaders are planning for the 2021-2022 school year. He explained that families will have two options next year, to attend virtually or in-person 5 days a week. He also explained how leaders will communicate with families and stakeholders including webinars, website, social media, and electronic communication strategies. He outlined what the next steps will be moving forward. He said surveys to families will be released soon. Over the summer, curriculum, pacing, and professional development will be a primary focus. He then turned the presentation over to Ms. Brunelle. She outlined some plans that are underway for the high school. She said her staff is working hard to make the spring semester as “normal” as possible. A class meeting is planned for Monday, April 19 for seniors so Ms. Brunelle can explain what their graduation activities will look like.

Dr. Andrea Whitmarsh presented information item #11-1037, a FY2022 Budget Update. She explained that due to an over \$500,000 increase in the State budget, the GCPS FY2022 budget proposal was altered to reflect a change in the funding request from the Greene County Board of Supervisors. The revised local request was an increased total of \$216,000 in addition to the current level of funding.

Dr. Andrea Whitmarsh presented information item #11-1038, the Superintendent's Update. She outlined the funding provisions for public schools under the American Rescue Act, which will help mitigate COVID-19 expenses. She also explained that two Superintendent Regulations were recently updated, GCBD-R and GCBD-R2. She announced more details on U.S. Congressman Bob Good's visit to Greene on April 30th. She also announced that Teacher Appreciation Week will be recognized during the first full week in May.

Mr. Collier thanked everyone for their dedication to students' success. He said he is excited about graduation for the class of 2020 and 2021.

Mr. Sansom said he was uplifted by the updates during the Return to Learn presentation. He says he would like to hear more stories.


Ms. Mack said she is happy to hear that students will be able to come to school 5 days a week next year. She preemptively thanked Ms. Spencer for all her work on the state and federal allocations related to COVID-19.

Mr. Tooley thanked a student for reaching out to the board regarding spring activities and events. He said he is happy that all students will have the option to attend school in-person 5 days a week during the 2021-2022 school year.

Ms. Paladino thanked everyone for attending. She thanked Ms. Brunelle for caring so much about the students in her building.

Ms. Paladino adjourned the meeting at 7:52.


Chair


Clerk